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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO KISSINGER'S KANSAS CITY SPEECH

1. SUMMARY - BRAZILIAN PRESS GAVE SECRETARY'S KANSAS CITY SPEECH MODERATE, FACTUAL COVERAGE WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT, MAINLY CRITICAL, CONFINED TO SAO PAULO PAPERS. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESTIGIOUS O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO, WHICH PRINTED FULL TEXT OF KANSAS CITY SPEECH, COMMENTED THAT THE PROPOSALS BY KISSINGER ON ENERGY, RAW MATERIALS, AND FOOD WERE NOT NEW, BUT DID INCLUDE CLARIFICATIONS WHICH DESERVE TO BE EMPHASIZED. O ESTADO SAID THAT THE SECRETARY FORGOT ABOUT THE GREAT RESPONSIBILITY THE US HAD TO BEAR FOR FAILURE OF THE BRETTON WOODS SYSTEM. BY NOT COMPLYING WITH RULES OF THE SYSTEM, US CAUSED DETERIORATION OF THE MONETARY ORDER, AND ENCOURAGED WORLD INFLATION.

3. ON ENERGY, O ESTADO NOTED THAT THE PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL CONSULTATION TO PREPARE FOR A NEW PREPCOM WOULD BE POORLY RECEIVED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ON RAW MATERIALS, O ESTADO ASSERTED THAT THE US POLICY OF REFUSING INDEXATION WILL FAIL "SINCE IT IS KNOWN THAT ONE OF THE ESSENTIAL REQUESTS OF THE THIRD WORLD IS THAT

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OF SELLING THEIR PRODUCTS AT PRICES MAINTAINED IN REAL TERMS."

O ESTADO PRAISED US WILLINGNESS TO SUPPORT THE FINANCING OF RAW MATERIALS PRODUCTION, AND SAID KISSINGER'S PROPOSALS ON FOOD PRODUCTION

ARE CORRECT, BUT NOTED THAT A BETTER DEFINITION OF THE US AID TO INCREASE FOOD PRODUCTION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WOULD BE DESIRABLE. FINALLY, O ESTADO CRITICIZED KISSINGER'S OPPOSITION TO THE "JUST" REQUEST OF THE THIRD WORLD FOR A "NEW ECONOMIC ORDER." O ESTADO'S ECONOMIC EDITOR CONCLUDED THAT THE SECRETARY'S REMARKS IMPLIED US SUPPORT FOR RE-NEGOTIATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT "ON A REALISTIC BASIS."

4. SAO PAULO'S JORNAL DA TARDE COMMENTED THAT "TO PROPOSE MEASURES IMPLIES COMMITMENTS" AND THAT KISSINGER MAY LACK CONDITIONS TO ASSUME FUTURE COMMITMENTS, IN VIEW OF THE COMING END OF PRESIDENT FORD'S TERM AND THE UNCERTAINTY ABOUT HIS RE-ELECTION. THE ONLY NEWS WHICH REALLY REFLECTED A "CHANGE IN ORIENTATION" WAS US SUPPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORLD FOOD STOCK BUT, SINCE NO CONCRETE SUGGESTIONS WERE FORMULATED, THE US LOST AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE ITS LEADERSHIP. THE PAPER ALSO CRITICIZED THE LACK OF REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC PROBLEMS AFFECTING THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. FINANCIAL NEWSPAPER,ERCANTIL, EDITORIALIZED ON MAY 17 THAT SPEECH SUCH AS KISSINGER'S DID NOT ADD TO THE UNDERSTANDING WHICH SHOULD EXIST BETWEEN THE US AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. GAZETA OBJECTED TO KISSINGER'S STATEMENT THAT WORLD ECONOMIC EXPANSION MAINLY BENEFITTED POORER NATIONS AND COMMENTED THAT THE GAP BETWEEN RICH AND POOR COUNTRIES IS ONLY NARROWING BETWEEN OIL PRODUCERS AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH THE LATTER PROFIT FROM MASSIVE IMPORTS BY PETROLEUM PRODUCING COUNTRIES. OTHER RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS HAVE YET TO FIND IMPROVED CONDITIONS IN WORLD MARKETS.
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